## DOE Technical Assistance Program





Green building codes, standards and programs

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#### Webinar Overview



Webinar Platform and Process

What is the Technical Assistance Program

#### What is TAP?



DOE's Technical Assistance Program (TAP) supports the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) and the State Energy Program (SEP) by providing state, local, and tribal officials the tools and resources needed to implement successful and sustainable clean energy programs.



## How Can TAP Help You?



#### TAP offers:

- One-on-one assistance
- Extensive online resource library, including:
  - Webinars
  - > Events calendar
  - > TAP Blog
  - Best practices and project resources
- Facilitation of peer exchange

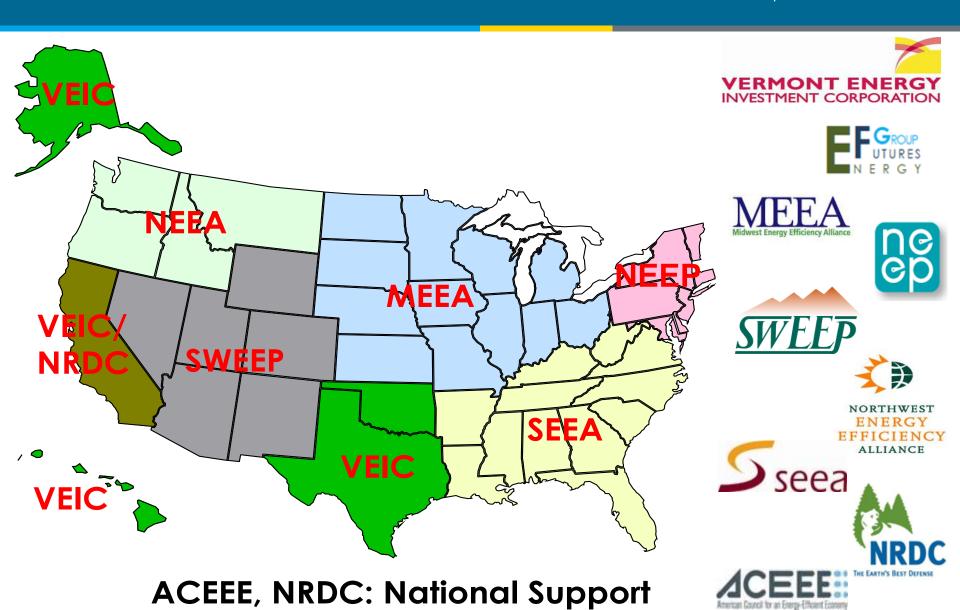
# On topics including:

- State and local capacity building
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies
- Program design and implementation
- Financing
- Performance contracting

## **Provider Network Resources**



State and Local Capacity Building	<ul><li>Trainings</li><li>Workshops</li><li>Peer-to-peer matching</li></ul>
Technical	<ul> <li>Renewable energy siting and development</li> <li>Review of technical specs for RFPs</li> <li>Strategic planning, energy management, and conservation strategies</li> <li>Green building technologies</li> <li>Building codes</li> </ul>
Program Design and Implementation	<ul> <li>Policy and program development</li> <li>Coordinating rate-payer funded dollars with ARRA projects and programs</li> <li>Sustainable community and building design</li> <li>State and regional EE and RE assessments and planning</li> <li>EE and RE portfolio program design elements</li> </ul>
Financial	Program design support and guidance on financing mechanisms such as:  • Revolving loan funds (RLFs)  • Property-assessed clean energy (PACE)  • Loan loss reserves and enhanced credit mechanisms
Performance Contracting	<ul> <li>Designing and implementing a performance contract</li> <li>Leveraging private investment</li> <li>Reducing institutional barriers</li> <li>Tracking and comparing programs</li> </ul>



#### Goals of this Webinar



- Gain a general understanding of the purpose of green codes, standards, and programs
- Understand your options if you are looking for a green building program for your organization, agency, state, or community

# Background/Overview

# What is a Green Building Code?

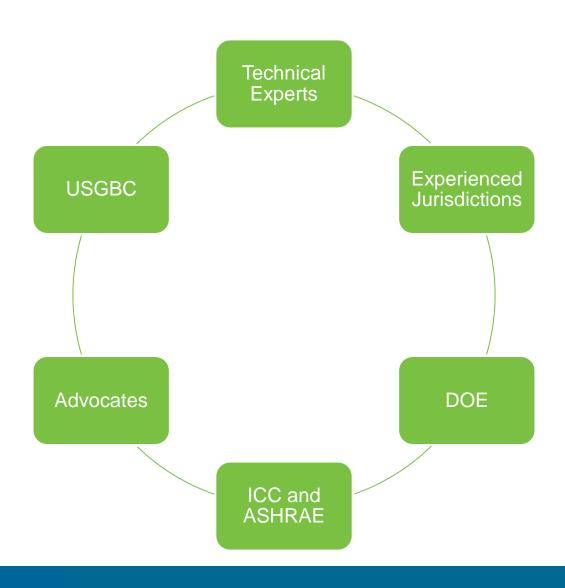


# Comprehensively Address How the Development Occurs, and Buildings are Designed and Constructed

- Site sustainability
- Water use efficiency
- Energy efficiency
- Indoor environmental quality, and
- Materials and resources

# Green Building Code Development – A National, Collaborative Effort

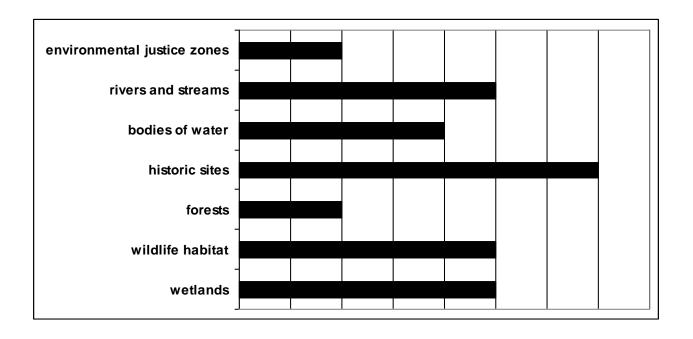




# Zoning, Planning, Land Use



- How do green building programs interact with zoning ordinances?
- What are the steps to coordinating government agencies on a green building program?



# Not Just the Building Department!



Site Devel	opment	and	Land	Use -
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□ planning and zoning checklists, third party verification, registered design professionals (e.g. site inventories, landscaping), document review

#### Example from IgCC PV1

- □ 402.2.5 Agricultural land. Where this section is indicated to be applicable in Table 302.1, buildings and associated site improvements shall not be located on land zoned for agricultural purposes.
  - □ Exception: Buildings and associated site improvements shall be permitted to be located on agriculturally zoned land where the building serves an agriculturally related purpose, including, but not limited to, farm produce storage, processing and shipping.

# Not Just the Building Department!



#### Material and Waste Management-

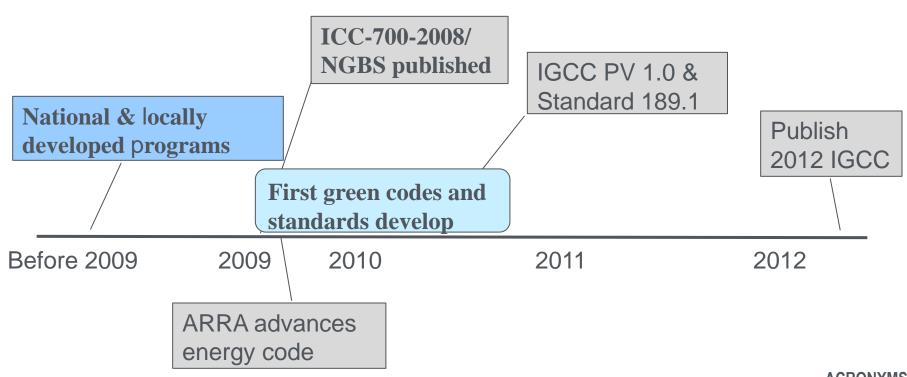
 Building department checklists, document review (e.g. construction waste management plan)

#### Example from IgCC PV1

- □ 505.1 Building service life plan. A building service life plan (BSLP) in accordance with this section shall be included in the construction documents. The design service life shall be not less than 60 years and the BSLP shall indicate the design service life selected for the building.
  - Exception: Where justified by community development plans and approved by the code official, a BSLP of 25 years shall be permitted. A BSLP of 25 years shall be comprised of a dismantling, de-mounting, and re-use plan.

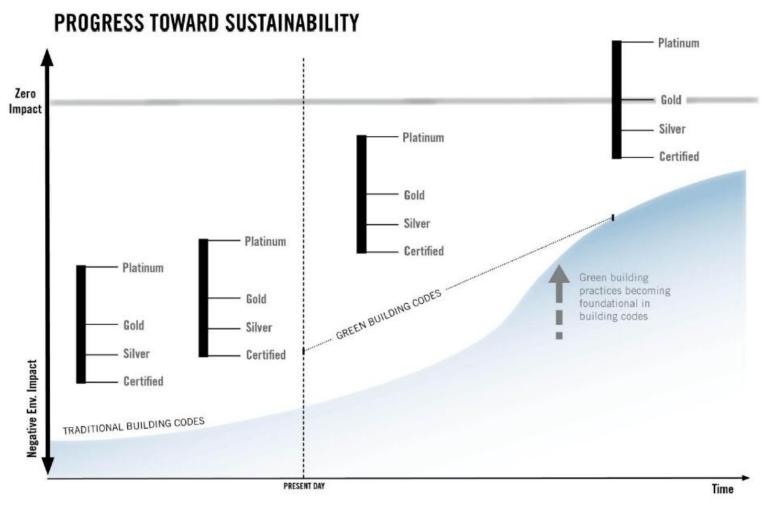
# Recent Activity in the Green Building Program & Code Arena





Examples of programs: LEED, Green Points, Built Green, Earth Advantage, Green Globes

ACRONYMS: ICC-700/NAHB National Green Building Standard International Green Construction Code ASHRAE/USGBC/IES Standard 189.1-2009

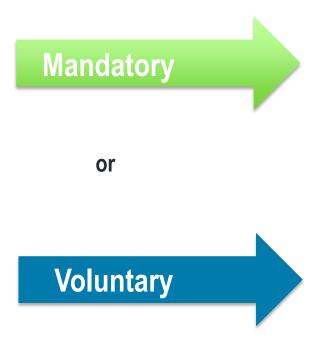


From USGBC document, "Greening the Codes." http://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=7403

# Compliance Paths



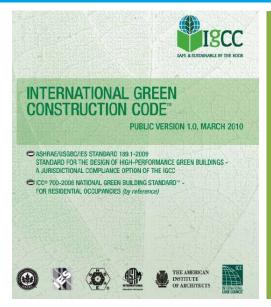
Jurisdiction decides if the program is voluntary or mandatory. The builder can decide if they want to use the prescriptive or performance-based compliance path.



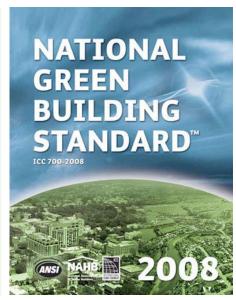
Concept from presentation by Kent W. Peterson http://www.engineeringforsustainability.org/

# Recently Developed Codes, Standards, Programs

# Codes, Standards, Programs and Resources



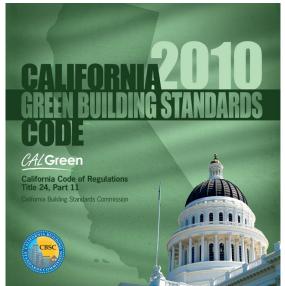






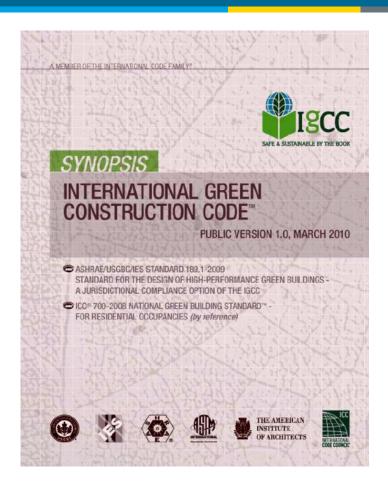
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USGBC Womber Approved November 2008 (Updated July 2010)



#### Int'l Green Construction Code





Read the 33 page SYNOPSIS first. Available for free download at http://media.iccsafe.org/IGCC/docs/IGCC-Synopsis.pdf

OVERLAY CODE: From the IGCC-The IGCC is not to be used as a stand alone construction regulation document or to abridge or circumvent safety, health or environmental requirements under other codes, such as the International Building Code and the International Fire Code.



Integrated adoption process including, by reference:

- STANDARD FOR THE DESIGN OF HIGH-PERFORMANCE GREEN BUILDINGS -A JURISDICTIONAL COMPLIANCE OPTION OF THE IGCC
- FOR RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES (by reference)

## Jurisdictional requirements



# TABLE 302.1 REQUIREMENTS DETERMINED BY THE JURISDICTION

Section	ction Section Title or Description and Directives		Jurisdictional Requirements	
	CH 1. ADMINISTRATION			
102.4.12 302.1 (1)	ICC 700 Environmental Performance Level - Select one box.	☐ Bronze ☐ Silver ☐ Gold ☐ Emerald		
CH 3. JURISDICTIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT ELECTIVES				
302.1 (2)	Optional compliance path – ASHRAE 189.1	☐ Yes	□ No	
Project Electives – The <i>jurisdiction</i> shall indicate a number between 0 and 14 to establish the minimum total number of <i>project electives</i> that must be satisfied.			_	
CH 4. SITE DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE				
402.2.1.2	Floodplain preservation	☐ Yes	□ No	
402.2.3	Conservation area	☐ Yes	□ No	
402.2.5	Agricultural land		□ No	
402.2.6	Greenfields	☐ Yes	□ No	

......Plus req's for water, energy, indoor air quality, materials, etc.

# Project electives



#### PROJECT ELECTIVES CHECKLIST

Section	Description	Check the corresponding box to indicate each project elective selected.		
CH 3. JURISDICTIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT ELECTIVES				
304.1	Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment			
	CH 4. SITE DEVELOPMENT	AND LAND USE		
407.2.1	Flood hazard avoidance			
407.2.2	Agricultural land			
407.2.3	Infill site			
407.2.4	Brownfield site			
407.2.5	Greenfield development			
407.2.6	Greenfield proximity to development			
407.2.7	Greenfield proximity to diverse uses			
407.3.1	Changing and shower facilities			
407.3.2	Long term bicycle parking and storage			
407.3.3	Preferred parking			
407.4.1	Site hardscape 1			

Like rating systems, the jurisdiction can set thresholds and require a # of project electives. Jurisdiction chooses 0-14 electives and designer can choose out of 60.

#### **Thresholds**



- 30% better than IECC 2006 for energy efficiency
- 20% reduction in water use compared to the IPC
- 35% of construction phase waste materials diverted from landfills



#### **ASHRAE Standard 189.1**



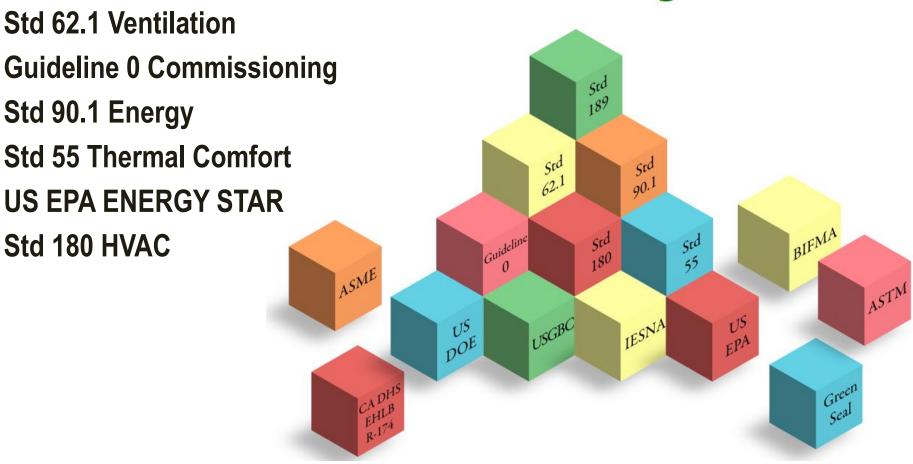


- Consensus process with 4 public reviews, started in 2006 then published Jan. 2010
- Developed in partnership between ASHRAE, USGBC, ICC and IES
- For nonresidential spaces and residential more than three stories
- Optional compliance path for the IGCC
- Mandatory req's for each topic ensures appropriate building science

# ASHRAE Green Building Standard - ASHRAE 189.1



# Standard 189.1 Building Blocks

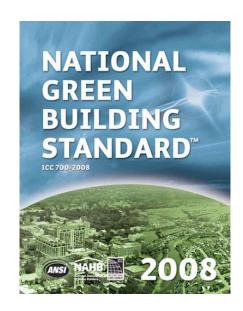


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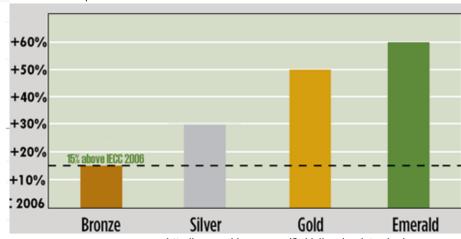
#### ICC 700-2008/NGBS



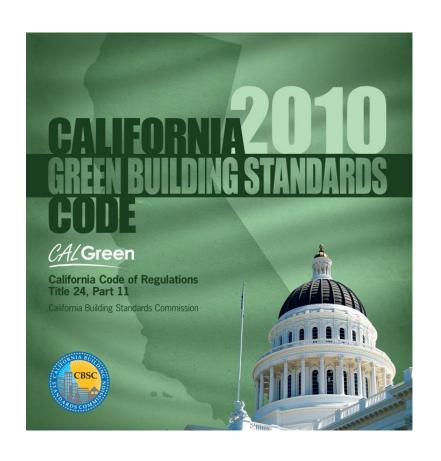
Threshold Point Ratings for Green Buildings							
		_	mance Po	_	els (1) (2)		
	Green	Building Categories	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	<b>EMERALD</b>	
1.	Chapter 5	Lot Design, Preparation, and Development	39	66	93	119	
2.	Chapter 6	Resource Efficiency	45	79	113	146	
3.	Chapter 7	Eneray Efficiency	30	60	100	120	
4.	Chapter 8	Water Efficiency	14	26	41	60	
5.	Chapter 9	Indoor Environmental Quality	36	65	100	140	
6.	Chapter 10	Operation, Maintenance, and Building Owner Education	8	10	11	12	
7.		Additional Points from any category	50	100	100	100	
		Total Points	222	406	558	697	



The more points accrued, the higher the score. Use the free web-based or excel spreadsheet Green Scoring Tool to identify score. <a href="https://www.nahbgreen.org">www.nahbgreen.org</a>



# CALGREEN— Cali. first state to adopt a statewide green building code

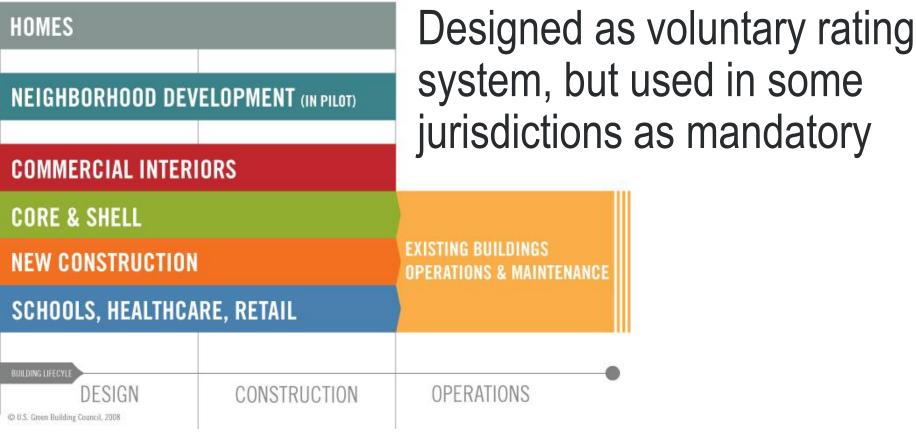


- Strategy to reach 1990 carbon emissions levels by 2020
- •Takes effect Jan.1, 2011
- Mandatory provisions; local jurisdictions can go above

## LEED – Beyond Code Rating System



## LEED address the complete lifecycle of buildings:



Graphic from www.usgbc.org

# Case Studies

# Boulder's Green Points Program



- 1980's Energy Option Program (voluntary energy & water conservation)
- 1996 Green Points (mandated for new construction)
- 2001 Update (mandated for remodels & additions)
- 2008 Update (mandated waste diversion and above Energy Code efficiency standards)
- 2009 Update (mandated above energy codes efficiency standards for residential additions and remodels and thresholds for new construction energy efficiency standards for larger additions)

# Longmont adopts ICC 700-2008 /NGBS



- Basic compliance with ICC 700 is accomplished by accumulating the necessary number of points to achieve the Bronze Level (222 points from table 303 of the NGBS)
- Builders and homeowners can voluntarily go above the minimum by accruing more points using the scoring tool.
- A Jurisdiction could determine the minimum threshold for any category.

#### **Denver Metro**



- 1.Bring together all the stakeholders, including those opposed to any change
- 2.Identify your goals
  - Goal 1. National Code/Standard/Program
  - Goal 2. Flexibility for Jurisdictions
- 3. Provide education on the options available that meet those goals
- 4. Work within the jurisdiction to identify clear paths for adoption/compliance and enforcement.
- 5. Provide education for staff and the local design and building community

# Resources

# Options for Sustainability and Conservation



- 1. Adopt one of the new nationally developed and vetted programs.
- 2. Adopt one of the well established third party verification programs
  - 1. Earth Craft, Earth Advantage, Green Globes
- 3. Develop a local or regional program specifically tailored to your community.
  - 1. Examples Marin County, CA, Pima County, AZ
- 4. Combination

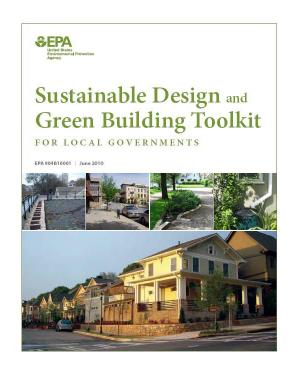
# Integrating Industry-Developed Programs – Example: Alexandria, VA



Development Standard. Public and private development that requires a Development Site Plan (DSP) or Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) should achieve the following green building standard:

- 1. Non-Residential: LEED Silver.
- 2. Residential: LEED Certified, LEED for Homes, or ANSI/ICC-700 2008 National Green Building Standard.
- 3. Mixed use: Each component should follow the applicable rating standard.
- 4. Coordinated Development Districts: Approvals for CDD areas yet to be developed will incorporate these standards.

In each case, applicable ENERGY STAR systems should be incorporated.



Released June 2010 For Region 4 (Southeast) There are two sections to the Toolkit: the first section is an **Assessment Tool and Resource Guide**. The second section is a guide to developing an **Action Plan** for implementing changes within a community's permitting process.

Six Steps to Creating the Action Plan:

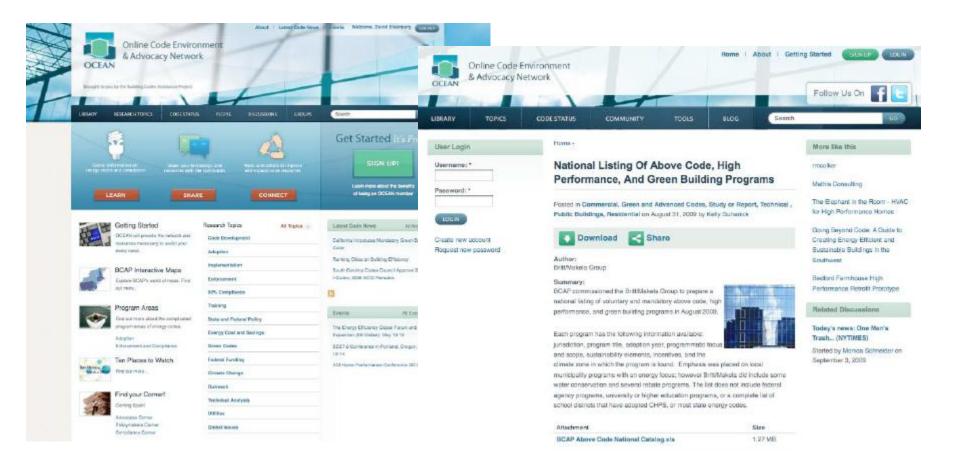
- 1. Establish Priorities
- 2. Conduct an Internal Situation Assessment
- 3. Conduct an External Situation Assessment
- 4. Design the Plan
- 5. Implement the Plan
- 6. Conduct an Evaluation

http://www.epa.gov/region4/recycle/green-building-toolkit.pdf

A.1.1 Do the codes/ordinances: Provide for preservation or protection of critical natural resources such as: streams, wetlands, floodplains, critical wildlife habitat, steep slopes, and drinking water sources?

Specific Question and Potential Tools and Techniques	Assessment of Specific Question		
a) Do the codes/ordinances provide for a river and stream buffer to protect water quality and habitat in streams and rivers?	G ☐ Required by code/ordinance Incentivized		
POTENTIAL TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES:  • Buffer ordinances.	Y Expressly allowed Code/ordinance silent, but typically allowed		
<ul> <li>Buffer design requirements (width, vegetation, maintenance).</li> <li>Stormwater credits.</li> </ul>	R □ Code/ordinance silent, but not typically approved □ Expressly prohibited		
b) Do the codes/ordinances for the river and stream buffer include lakes, wetlands, and coastal waters to protect water quality and habitats in these	G ☐ Required by code/ordinance ☐ Incentivized		
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## **National Listing**



#### Additional Resources



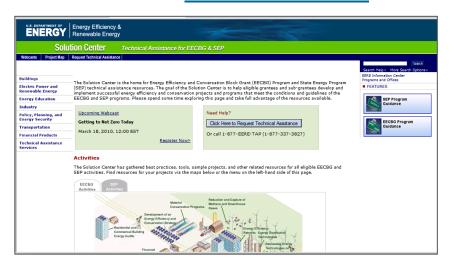
- Learning from Each Other Network
- DSIRE, dsireusa.org
- Greenbuild, greenbuildexpo.org
- International Code Council, iccsafe.org
- ASHRAE, engineeringforsustainability.org
- U.S. Green Building Council, usgbc.org
- SWEEPs Going Beyond Code: A Guide to Creating Energy Efficient and Sustainable Buildings in the Southwest. <a href="http://www.swenergy.org/programs/buildings/codes/beyondcode/">http://www.swenergy.org/programs/buildings/codes/beyondcode/</a>
- National Catalog of Beyond Codes Adopted http://bcapocean.org/resource/national-listing-above-code-highperformance-and-green-building-programs

## Accessing TAP Resources

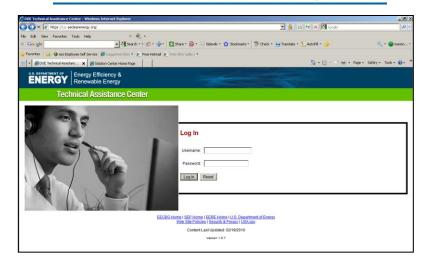


# We encourage you to:

1) Explore our online resources via the Solution Center



2) Submit a request via the Technical Assistance Center



3) Ask questions via our call center at 1-877-337-3827 or email us at solutioncenter@ee.doe.gov

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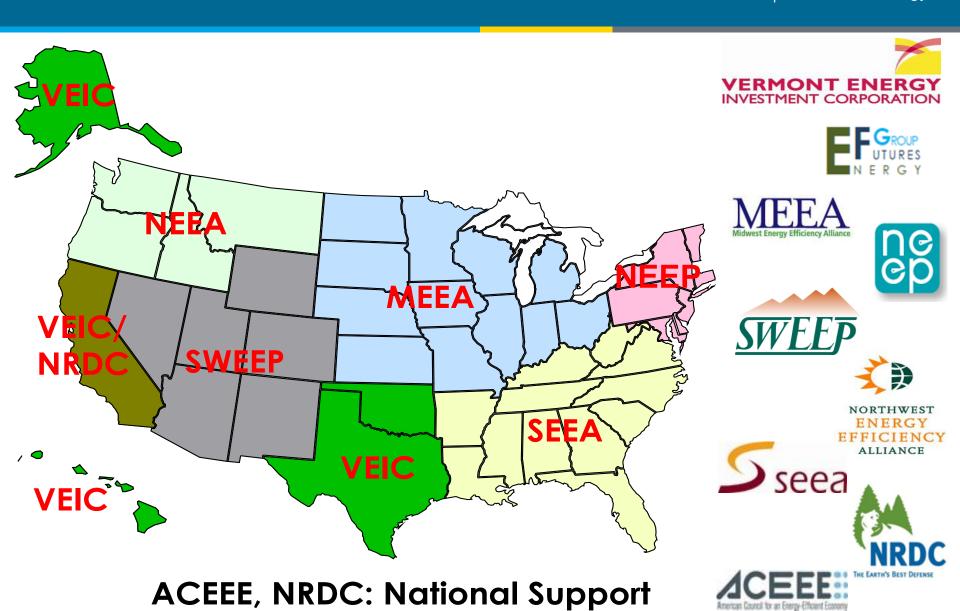
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## **QUESTIONS?**



## **Upcoming Webinars**



# Please join us again:

Title: "Green" Codes and Programs

Host: J.C. Martel, Southwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

Date: September 24, 2010 Time: 2:00 – 3:00 EDT

Title: Designing Effective Renewables Programs

Host: Cheryl Jenkins, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation

Date: September 28, 2010 Time: 2:00 – 3:00 EDT

Title: **Driving Demand for Home Energy Improvements:**Lessons from the Field

Host: Sarah Busche, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Date: September 29, 2010 Time: 3:00 – 4:15 EDT

Title: Sustainable Communities and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction

Host: Therese Langer, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Transportation Program Director

Date: October 5, 2010 Time: 2:00-3:00 EDT Title: Strategies for Making Existing Buildings High Performance

Host: Carolyn Sarno, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships, Senior Program Manager, High Performance Buildings

Date: October 7, 2010 Time: 2:00-3:00 EDT

Title: Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) Pricing and Financing

Host: Meg Giuliano, ICF International

Date: October 12, 2010 Time: 1:30-2:30 EDT

Title: Future Funding: Effective Models for Leveraging Public Funds

Host: Kim Wollos and Bill Prindle, ICF International

Date: October 13, 2010 Time: 12:00-1:30 EST

Title: Energy Code Compliance and Enforcement Best Practices

Host: Jim Meyers, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, Director of Buildings Efficiency Program

Date: October 14, 2010 Time: 2:00-3:00 EST

For the most up-to-date information and registration links, please visit the Solution Center webcast page at <a href="https://www.wip.energy.gov/solutioncenter/webcasts">www.wip.energy.gov/solutioncenter/webcasts</a>